

Listing of Claims

1 1. (Currently Amended) A seating assembly for a vehicle including a front seat
2 assembly having a front seat back and a front seat bottom, the front seat bottom including a
3 front portion and a rear portion, a rear seat assembly having a rear seat back and a rear seat
4 bottom, and a track member connectable to a floor portion of the vehicle, the seating
5 assembly comprising an articulation mechanism pivotally coupled to the rear seat bottom and
6 slidably coupled to the track member, a support member connected to the front seat bottom
7 and connectable to the vehicle, the support member supporting the rear portion of the front
8 seat bottom from the vehicle to provide a storage space beneath the front seat bottom, and the
9 rear seat bottom configured to pivotally move on the articulation mechanism and to slidably
10 move on the track member between a use position and a stored position where the rear seat
11 bottom is within the storage space and the rear seat back is disposed adjacent to the front seat
12 back.

1 2 (Previously Presented) The seating assembly of Claim 1 wherein said support
2 member is connectable to a first side panel of the vehicle, and said support member extends
3 from said side panel to said front seat bottom.

1 3. (Previously Presented) The seating assembly of Claim 2 further comprising a
2 second front seat bottom, and wherein said support member is connected to said second front
3 seat bottom.

1 4. (Previously Presented) The seating assembly of Claim 3 wherein said support
2 member is connectable to a second side panel of the vehicle, and said support member
3 extends from the first side panel to the second side panel.

1 5. (Previously Presented) The seating assembly of Claim 2 further comprising a
2 center console, and wherein said support member is connected to said center console.

1 6. (Previously Presented) The seating assembly of Claim 1 further comprising a
2 front riser connected to said front portion of said front seat bottom and connectable to the
3 vehicle, and wherein said support member is connected to said rear portion of said front seat
4 bottom.

1 7. (Previously Presented) The seating assembly of Claim 6 wherein said front
2 seat bottom includes an adjustment mechanism connected to said front riser and to said
3 support member, wherein said adjustment mechanism allows horizontal movement of said
4 front seat bottom.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The seating assembly of Claim 1 further comprising a
2 front seat back connected to said front seat bottom.

1 9. (Currently Amended) A rear seat assembly adapted for storage in
2 cooperation with a front seat assembly having a front seat bottom and a front seat back in a
3 vehicle, the rear seat assembly having a rear seat bottom connectable to the vehicle for
4 movement between a use position and an intermediate position, the rear seat assembly
5 comprising an articulation mechanism connectable to the rear seat bottom and to the vehicle
6 and including a forward lift arm and a rearward lift arm that cooperate with the rear seat
7 bottom and the vehicle as a four bar linkage to allow vertical and horizontal pivoting
8 movement of the rear seat bottom between the use position and the intermediate position, a
9 biasing device connectable to the forward lift arm and the rearward lift arm, and a slide
10 mechanism connectable to the articulation device and the vehicle, wherein the slide
11 mechanism allows fore-and-aft horizontal movement of the rear seat bottom between the
12 intermediate position and a stored position beneath the front seat bottom.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The rear seat assembly of Claim 9 wherein said biasing
2 device biases said rear seat bottom out of the use position.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The rear seat assembly of Claim 10 wherein said
2 biasing device also biases said rear seat bottom out of the intermediate position.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The rear seat assembly of Claim 11 further comprising
2 a first latching device connected to said rear seat bottom and selectively engageable with the
3 vehicle to hold said rear seat bottom in the use position.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The rear seat assembly of Claim 12 further comprising
2 a second latching device connected to said rear seat bottom and selectively engageable with

3 said forward lift arm to hold said rear seat bottom among the intermediate position and the
4 stored position; and a release handle connected to said first latching device and to said second
5 latching device to simultaneously actuate said first latching device and said second latching
6 device.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The rear seat assembly of Claim 9 further comprising a
2 third latching device connected to said slide mechanism having a first hook extending in a
3 forward direction and a second hook extending in a rearward direction, wherein said first
4 hook is selectively engageable with the vehicle to hold said rear seat bottom in the stored
5 position, and said second hook is selectively engageable with the vehicle to hold said rear seat
6 bottom among the intermediate position and the use position.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The rear seat assembly of Claim 9 further comprising a
2 rear seat back connected to said rear seat bottom and connectable to the vehicle for movement
3 between the use position and the stored position such that, when said rear seat back is moved
4 from the use position to the stored position, said rear seat back abuts the front seat back of the
5 front seat assembly.

1 16. (Previously Presented) A front seat assembly and a rear seat assembly for a
2 vehicle including a front seat bottom having a front portion and a rear portion, a rear seat
3 bottom connectable to the vehicle for movement between a use position and an intermediate
4 position, the front seat assembly and the rear seat assembly comprising an articulation
5 mechanism connectable to the rear seat bottom and to the vehicle and including a forward lift
6 arm and a rearward lift arm that cooperate with the rear seat bottom and the vehicle as a four
7 bar linkage to allow vertical and horizontal pivoting movement of the rear seat bottom
8 through the use position and the intermediate position, a biasing device connectable to the
9 forward lift arm and the rearward lift arm, a support member connected to the front seat
10 bottom and connectable to the vehicle, the support member supporting the rear portion of the
11 front seat bottom from the vehicle to provide a stored position beneath the front seat bottom,
12 and a slide mechanism connectable to the articulation mechanism and the vehicle, wherein
13 the slide mechanism allows fore-and-aft horizontal movement of the rear seat bottom through
14 the intermediate position and the stored position.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The front seat assembly and the rear seat assembly of
2 Claim 16 wherein said support member is connectable to a first side panel of the vehicle, and
3 said support member extends from said side panel to said front seat bottom.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The front seat assembly and the rear seat assembly of
2 Claim 17 further comprising a second front seat bottom, and wherein said support member is
3 connected to said second front seat bottom.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The front seat assembly and the rear seat assembly of
2 Claim 18 wherein said support member is connectable to a second side panel of the vehicle,
3 and said support member extends from the first side panel to the second side panel.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The front seat assembly and the rear seat assembly of
2 Claim 17 further comprising a center console, and wherein said support member is connected
3 to said center console.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The front seat assembly and the rear seat assembly of
2 Claim 16 wherein the front seat assembly is adjustable fore-and-aft on the support member
3 when the rear seat bottom is in the use position or the stored position.